



Troop 5 September 2017 Newsletter

Welcome to our new Scouts! Welcome back to all returning Scouts!

Summer Recap

- **Sequassen:** Troop 5 had 25 Scouts attend summer camp this past year with eight different Leaders/Adult spending time in camp. Collectively the boys worked on 64 Merit Badges while in camp. For six Scouts, it was their first time to Sequassen so they attended Wilderness Patrol to work on Scout skills towards the rank of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class, while six of the older Scouts participated in LOBO High Adventure activities during the week. The Troop had a great week and excelled in many areas taking 1st place campwide team challenges in Aquatics & Scoutcraft during the week.
- **High Adventure:** Tim B, Nick J, Malachi J, & Logan W took a 3 day/2 night trip on the CT portion of the Appalachian Trail this summer covering just over 25 miles. The group started up near the CT/MA border and headed south over Bear Mountain and down to West Cornwall, CT. The group had a few guest hikers for portions of the trip, including former Troop 5 Scout Stephen K. The group got to meet Frostbite, a thru hiker heading northbound and learn a bit about what it was like to spend that much time on the trail. While they did not see that much wildlife during the hike, they did encounter a rattlesnake who let them know they stopped at the wrong place for lunch. Ask the Scouts what their trail names are!
- **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT):** Seven Scouts attended National Youth Leadership Training over the Summer, at Camp Pomperaug. They spent a week doing a wide range of activities, games, and adventures and had presentations designed to help them become strong youth leaders within the troop.



Fundraising - Candy Sales

Our first Troop fundraiser of the year is underway. Each Scout was given boxes of candy to sell, and some money has already been turned in, with several Scouts working on their 2nd or 3rd boxes! Our Troop depends on fundraising to help the boys earn money for Summer Camp as well as help the troop purchase equipment for campouts. All candy money is due at the October 3rd meeting. See Mr. Janofsky with any questions.

Care Package for Master Sergeant Frank O'Farrell

The troop is assembling a care package for Master Sergeant Frank O'Farrell (Andrew's Dad), who is currently serving our country overseas on Somalia. Please consider bringing a small item to donate to the October 3rd meeting. Suggested items are trail mix, toothpaste, magazines, beef jerky, protein bars, and protein shake mix. Thank you for your support!



September and October Campouts

The September campout (Pioneering and Rifle Shooting) will take place on Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1 at Hoyt Scout Reservation in Redding. October's campout is also at Hoyt, from October 27-29 and is the annual Camporee.

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The Troop calendar, permission slips, photos of recent events, and more are available at
<http://www.brookfieldtroop5.org/>



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SAVE THE DATE! Court of Honor, October 24

The first Court of Honor of the year is on Tuesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's. All families are encouraged to attend.

2017-2018 Registration

Registration for this year is \$115 per Scout. Please have registration money turned in to Mr. Janofsky no later than the Court of Honor on October 24. Thank you.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **If your Scout has done the shopping for a campout, please bring the receipt and any leftover money to the next Scout Meeting.**
- ***WHEN ON CAMPOUTS, PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING with the scouts last name. This includes uniforms, mess kits, sleeping bags & pads, sleeping bag sacks, back packs, water bottles, etc.***
- ***At Troop Meetings, please come inside to pick up your scout by 8:30 at the latest. Scouts are not allowed to meet their parents in the parking lot and just go.***